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Ethics Adjudicatory Board
Attention: Andrea Millet
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Dear Ms. Millet and Board of Directors:

Thank you for the opportunity for reconsideration of the fine imposed for my delinquent filing.

As the documents have shown, I was to file a supplemental filing following the submission of my termination of my active lobbying status. My failure to do so, resulted in the fine of \$150.00.

My appeal is based on the origins of my termination as a Lobbyist, which was due to my recent diagnosis of breast cancer. In early April, after years of meticulous medical care, routine physicals, medical exams and mammograms, I unexpectedly discovered a mass in my right breast, just a matter of weeks after it was missed on my annual medical exam.

Since that day, my life has no longer been the same. I was immediately thrust into a battery of tests, biopsies, MRI's, Ultrasounds, etc., to confirm diagnoses and determine if there was any metastasis. My medical care and my survival became my priority and it became difficult to think or focus on anything else.

As a working professional, this was something that I could not have imagined but this was now my reality.

It was during this time that I submitted the documentation for my termination as a lobbyist, believing that all documentation was in order.

Upon conclusive diagnosis of Ductal Carcinoma, I underwent surgery for a mastectomy with lymph node removal and reconstruction. It was during my post surgery recovery that Ms. Andrea Millet reached out to inform me of the delinquent filing, unaware of my diagnosis and that I was one day post hospital discharge.

As I advised Ms. Millet of my diagnosis and the medical and emotional strain, Ms. Millet kindly offered to listen and extend her prayers for my recovery and for that, I would like to personally thank her.

I humbly ask for reconsideration because the delinquency was not due to gross negligence but unfortunately, my need to navigate a set of circumstances I could have never foreseen. Once you've been diagnosed with cancer, that's only the beginning, learning to live with the diagnosis

and maintain a sense of mental and physical well being, that becomes yet another monumental challenge one must address.

Presently, I am undergoing chemotherapy; thereafter, I will need radiation. I humbly ask for your reconsideration and your prayers.

Respectfully,

Carol W. Smith



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